

## JAMES FRANCIS TO TALK ABOUT WAR ON SUNDAY

A comprehensive and concise survey of the countless causes which have resulted in precipitating the United States into the great world war will be included in the talk which will be made at the high school auditorium next Sunday afternoon when Dr. James Francis of Los Angeles will speak in the interests of the Young Women's Christian association war work drive.

Dr. Francis through his varied labors in behalf of his government for the past several months is peculiarly adapted to present a clear conception of the status of these conditions. He has visited all of the training camps in the western division, which includes eight states, and has made a close study of the training camps and of the great war.

In a recent address at the First Methodist church Dr. Francis said:

"Deeds have been perpetrated by the soldiers of the German armies when they marched through Belgium which never have been and never will be seen in print. These things alone justify our entrance into this war. My only criticism of our government is that it did not enter the moment the Germans first set foot on Belgium soil."

Dr. Francis is a speaker of unusual power and is possessed with a convincing delivery which has made him an invaluable aid to the government in the several kinds of tasks he has undertaken recently.

"The reason I have devoted my labors to the interests of Y. W. C. A. war work during the past few weeks," said Dr. Francis, "is the same that caused me to give up my work in the training camps for the Young Men's Christian association when this war work campaign was in full swing. I felt that I could be of greater service in this division so I have undertaken to aid in the work."

Dr. Francis is a Los Angeles minister and is away from his pastorate on leave of absence. He believes that no good comes out of wars, generally speaking, but that the United States is entirely justified in fighting an enemy of the type of the imperial German government, which he considers to be a menace to all humanity.

Saturday Dr. Francis will be heard at the Tempe Normal school.

### REPORTS OHIO COAL EMBARGO AS BEING GRADUALLY LIFTED

Gradual improvement in the transportation situation involving coal shipments to Detroit, Mich., and other points in the northern Middle West has been reported to the United States fuel administration.

Halted at Ohio Gateways

The movement of coal destined for that territory has been halted by railroad embargoes placed on western shipments at Cincinnati and other Ohio railroad gateways. The fuel administration called the attention of the operating committee of the eastern railroads to the accumulation of

coal consigned to Ohio, Michigan, and western points at the Ohio gateways. A. W. Thompson, chairman of the committee, was notified that the coal difficulties appeared to be due to the inability of connecting lines west to accept coal shipments from eastern lines consigned to territory affected.

Embargo Being Lifted

The fuel administration was advised from Cincinnati that the embargo effective on all coal shipped by way of the Cincinnati division of the Big Four railroad had been lifted and that the embargo on shipments by way of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad would be lifted today. The lifting of these embargoes will clear the way for coal shipments bound for western points which have accumulated at congested terminals in Ohio.

## MUST PREPARE FOR NEW BURDENS IF WAR TO BE WON

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Warning that the United States must prepare to assume further burdens to win the war was given today in the senate by Senator Reed in vigorously opposing a trust scheme the Webb export combination bill, which President Wilson in his recent address urged congress to enact.

Declaring that congress should concentrate upon great war problems and defer consideration of such legislation as the export trade measure, the Missouri senator said that with "Russia out of the war, and Rumania also gone," the enemy, numerically, now is superior in man power.

Although an opponent of army conscription, Senator Reed predicted that new draft levies probably would be necessary and urged military training for youths between 18 and 21 for coast defense work. Invasion of America, he asserted, was not beyond the realms of possibility should other allied powers fall beside Russia, Rumania and Serbia.

The Webb bill was denounced by Senator Reed as destructive of the Sherman anti-trust law at best of legalizing of a legal combination which would encroach on consumers abroad and increase domestic prices.

"It repeats," he said, "every vestige of that system of anti-trust status built up during 28 years by the federal government so far as the same applies to commerce with foreign powers. It is intended to legalize the creation of combinations and trusts to control every foreign market in which the American citizen may seek to sell his goods. Indirectly it will enable these same combinations to control the domestic markets, because a control of the price of the surplus that goes abroad to find a market controls the price of the home product."

"This legislation has the enthusiastic support of the allied trusts of the United States, together with their servants, agents, employees and sympathizers. It will be supported by every newspaper that believes in the control of big business, which regards every

## ONLY WOMAN TO WEAR UNIFORM OF U. S. NAVY OFFICER



Miss Will Allen Dromgoole.

Miss Will Allen Dromgoole of Nashville, Tenn., is the only woman who wears the uniform of an officer in the United States navy. Widely known in the south as a writer and a speaker, she has been assisting the navy in obtaining recruits.

effort to limit or circumscribe the powers of capital as undesirable and dangerous.

"The second outstanding fact is that this system of laws which had for their purpose the preservation of free and open markets for the American people and which were commonly known as the trust statutes, which were originally passed by the republican party on the second day of July, 1890, and during intervening years have been frequently amended and laboriously construed until they have become a great code of verbiage laws behind which honest business can take refuge, are now sought to be dismembered during a democratic administration and at a time when the clouds and anxieties of war have distracted the attention of the country from any legislation except that pertaining to the pending conflict."

Senator Cummins of Iowa, also opposed the bill as a virtual repeal of foreign trade combination provisions of the Sherman law.

Defending the measure were Senator Pomeroy of Ohio, who has it in charge

## RED CROSS YULE TIDE STAMPS IN EVIDENCE AGAIN

"The American Red Cross has always manifested itself around Christmas time," said an active member of the local chapter yesterday, "through the sale of Red Cross stamps to be pasted on our Christmas correspondence. This year is no exception, the young women are around canvassing their friends just the same, but some way or another there is a deeper significance this year. Time was when we looked upon the purchase of Red Cross Christmas stamps as a sort of charitable thing, like subscribing to a missionary fund, or something of that sort. This year we must realize that there is a very material need for every quarter, half dollar, or dollars worth of Red Cross stamps we purchase. Truly, the Red Cross stamp looks like an old friend, a part of Christmas, and the expression of the good will towards men that is embodied in the spirit of yuletide. This year it ought to be more than ever an expression of this spirit, for while the great good which has always been done by the Red Cross has always made the motive a noble one, this time we are contributing to an important urgent demand for the support of the organization which more goes long towards winning the war for us."

Local women who are handling the sale of Red Cross stamps are determined that the humble little gummed label shall serve its purpose mightily this year, and thus far there have been few indeed who have not responded. Everyone knows what the Red Cross stands for these days, and everyone is digging just as deep as he can into his pockets to buy as many of them as possible.

### AMERICAN HELD AS SPY

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]  
PARIS, Dec. 12.—A dispatch to the Havas Agency from Rome says: "The newspapers here announce the arrest at Milan of a man named John Frederick Stuck, who claims he is an American citizen and the head of a commercial house. It is asserted by the newspapers that the charge against him is espionage."

### ALLEGED EMBEZZLER CAUGHT

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—G. M. McDonald, said by the police to be a banker of Casper, Wyo., and to have embezzled a large sum of money in that city, is in the jail here today, having been arrested Saturday upon a telegraphic warrant as a fugitive from justice. An officer is expected from Casper within a few days to return him to that city.

and Senator Townsend of Michigan. Debate was not concluded and opposition threatened to interfere with the leaders plans to pass it before the holiday recess.

# POTATOES

Fancy Calif. Burbank Potatoes at  
**\$2.65 PER CWT.**

## APPLES

Just received a new shipment of apples. These are fine and good keepers. Our price \$2.15 per box.

## A. B. Cash Grocery Co.

Mesa

Phone No. 1

Arizona



## LADIES:

Our MAN'S STORE is the place to buy those presents for your husband, brother, father or gentleman friends. Give a necktie, silk suspenders, a box of fine hose, handkerchiefs or something of that kind and you cannot "miss it."

Come in this week and see what "elegant" things we have for presents for your family and friends and you will look no farther, but buy.

In our store a little Christmas money will buy a big lot of presents.

## C. E. ROBERSON DRY GOODS STORE

MESA, ARIZONA

# Mesa TOGGERY'S ANNUAL XMAS SALE Hayden

Continues to attract eager shoppers from all over Salt River valley. Since the commencement of this great sale our store has been crowded! Jammed!! Packed!!! Santa Claus is here in all his glory. Bargains a-plenty in every department.

—Shop Early.

## "Xmas" Sale Ladies' Suits and Dresses

A sensational garment event—embracing the sale of every women's suit, dress, evening frock, skirt and waists on our mezzanine floor. Walk upstairs and save \$5 to \$15 on that suit, hat or dress.

Ladies' \$19.50 Suits, Christmas sale price	\$14.69
Ladies' \$21.50 Suits, Christmas sale price	\$17.49
Ladies' \$27.50 Suits, Christmas sale price	\$21.75
Ladies' \$32.50 Suits, Christmas sale price	\$25.98
Ladies' \$42.50 Suits, Christmas sale price	\$33.95
Ladies' \$10.50 Dresses, sale price	\$8.29
Ladies' \$15.00 Dresses, sale price	\$11.98
Ladies' \$18.50 Dresses, sale price	\$13.98
Ladies' \$23.00 Dresses, sale price	\$19.49
Ladies' \$27.50 Dresses, sale price	\$21.98
Ladies' \$42.50 Dresses, sale price	\$33.49

## FREE! FREE!

On December 24th at 2 p. m. a MAGNIFICENT FUR SET—collar with muff to match, will be given away absolutely free. The value of this fur set is \$39.50 and will not cost the recipient one cent. Call at our store and get particulars.

## Xmas Sale of Women's Coats

(Mezzanine Floor)  
Coats of bolivia cloth, broadcloth, velours and cheviots. Colors are burgundy, taupe, nigger brown, pekin blue. Beautiful models with large collars, and pockets, both velvet and fur trimmed.

During Xmas sale—  
**20% OFF**

## Xmas Waists on Sale

Lingerie waists of unusual beauty—georgette crepes of all shades and styles—crepe de chine waists, daintily trimmed—All go on sale at exactly

**20% Off**

## "Xmas" Sale Men's Suits and Overcoats

More than 1000 suits and overcoats—America's finest makes such as HART SCHAFFNER & MARX, HIRSH-WICKWIRE, STYLEPLUS and CLOTHCRAFT—go in this great sale. Nothing could please husband, brother or father more than one of these fine garments for "his" Xmas. Come in now—make your selection. We'll alter free—and give you your unrestricted choice at

**10% Off**



## Men's and Boys' Sweaters for 98c

Come in gray and tan, large ruff-neck collars and pockets; regular \$1.50 values. Sale price

### Xmas Sale of Boys' Suits

A most wonderful assortment of boys' fine all wool Knickerbocker Suits. Come in trench models, pinch backs and Norfolk styles. Note Xmas sale:

\$2.50 Boys' Suits, Xmas sale	\$1.98
\$3.00 Boys' Suits, Xmas sale	\$2.29
\$3.50 Boys' Suits, Xmas sale	\$2.69
\$4.00 Boys' Suits, Xmas sale	\$3.09
\$5.00 Boys' Suits, Xmas sale	\$3.89
\$7.00 Boys' Suits, Xmas sale	\$5.59
\$8.50 Boys' Suits, Xmas sale	\$7.49

### Xmas Sale Boys' Knee Pants

400 pairs of boys' fine Knee Pants—in grays, tans, browns and navy. All sizes from 5 to 18 years. Note these Xmas sale reductions:

75c values, Xmas sale	59c
\$1.00 values, Xmas sale	79c
\$1.25 values, Xmas sale	99c
\$1.50 values, Xmas sale	\$1.29
\$2.00 values, Xmas sale	\$1.69
\$2.50 values, Xmas sale	\$1.98

### Little Boys' Overcoats at 1-3 Off

25 of these fifty little garments in red, blue, grays and browns. Ages are 2 to 8. Xmas sale price—exactly 1-3 off.



## MILLINERY AT 1/3 OFF

Entire stock goes in this great Xmas sale. Hats of velvet, Hatters plush, white, satin, sport hats and hats of silk beaver. Charming styles and color combinations. During Xmas sale

**1/3 OFF**

**1/4—ONE-FOURTH OFF—1/4**

Mezzanine Floor  
Our entire line of handsome furs in Red Fox, Gray Fox, Gray Kit, Skunk, Opossum and Stone Marten, in sets and separate pieces. What could be more appropriate for "Her Christmas."

These reductions are remarkable when the values and styles of our furs are taken into consideration.

**1/4—ON-FOURTH OFF—1/4**

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MESA JOHNSON & MENAMARA

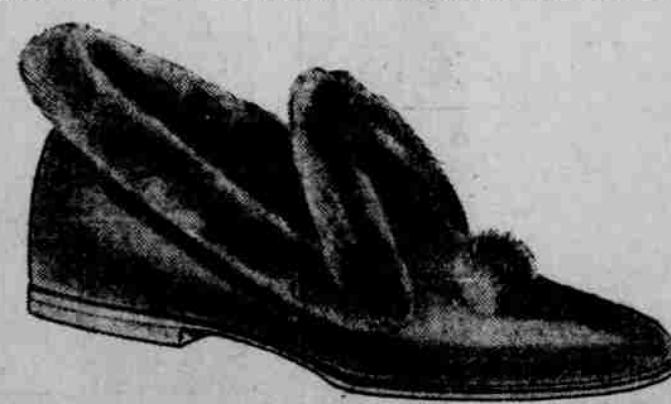
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## Shoes For All The Family

FELT HOUSE SLIPPERS will make an appreciated Christmas gift for men, women and children. Keep-a-wa, Nullifier and Cavalier styles. They come in colors of black, gray, blue, lavender, pink, champagne, red, nell rose and seafoam. PRICED FOR CHRISTMAS SALE—59c to \$2.50

Men's smoke and tan bicycle shoes—special at	\$2.65
Boys' smoke and tan bicycle shoes, at	\$2.48
\$6.50 shoes for	\$3.98



These are men's shoes in sizes 5 to 11, both in button and lace. Goodyear welts, leather and rubber sole, in English and American lasts. Good values and worth your inspection.

MEN'S TAN CALF, cocoa bal. shoes with rubber soles. \$6.00 values for

WOMEN'S BLACK CALF SKIN LACE SHOES, sizes 2 1/2 to 8. Christmas sale price

Women's all champagne washable kid lace shoes. Priced for this sale

for this sale.....\$4.48